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Cover Letter Reader
At some awesome organization
Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high

To whom it may concern,

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That's a bear waving hello. They're a fixture in every codebase I touch

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm a forthright and honest guy, so I'll just tell you right now that this letter was autogenerated. No disrespect intended of course — your time is valuable and so is mine, and I figured that since this is an application for a software development role I'd develop some software to build this letter (and my resume too).

Give this a shot and keep reading — if I get so much as a chuckle out of you please let me know, if only to hear that someone actually reads these.

I love to code

Need someone to ramp up quickly and keep pace? That's me — just take a look at my GitHub contribution history

I'm not your run of the mill software developer. I love being away from my screens — getting outdoors, travelling to far off places and getting as far away from an internet connection as you can get. I don't like spending a lot of time in front of the computer and I think that there are a lot of people out there that feel the same way, *maybe even yourself*, and that's why I build software. There are better ways to spend your time than doing your accounting by hand, queueing up to order your morning coffee or editing your photos to look "good". We have software to do these things better and faster than we can ourselves, to make our lives and easier — and that's the kind software that I like to build.

You could use someone like me

I've babysat hours long database migrations, fiddled with VML in IE8 and built data crunching microservices — a bit of it all

I spent the last few years developing on smaller teams — for the newest of auto financing startups to the top name in property management software and I think that I've seen a bit of everything.

I've dealt with what happens when your sales team catches fire and you rack up technical debt to meet your deadlines, watched what happens when new hires drop production database tables (the opposite of this), seen what happens to your team when you get acquired and then tried to keep spirits high after it gets liquidated. I know what it feels like to get laid off and see a startup fizzle out. I've seen a lot, learned a lot, failed a couple of times, but I know I haven't done it all yet, and the best way for me to do that is to take a giant leap and hopefully land somewhere like your company.

And I think we're a match!

Is the feeling mutual? I sure hope so

I don't usually talk about myself this often, and I don't usually use the phrase "I want" very often, but now is not one of those times. I want to work for you.

I scoped out your team and it looks like you're doing everything "right". You're using good tools, have an established but growing product, your development culture is agile and tolerant of failure, you have some semblance of people culture outside of work, etc. You're looking for mentors and leaders and that's *the* one big thing I want to provide in exchange for tagging along the amazing ride you're on. You folks have all the good things going for you and I want in. Can you blame me?

I hope I didn't waste your time – even if I'm not a match for you folks I hope that I brought a little bit of sunshine to your day wherever you are.

Hope to hear from you soon,

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